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SUBJECT: DRAFT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MANDATE OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION AS CON-
TAINED IN C(75)17 WHICH WE UNDERSTAND COULD BE CONSIDERED
IN COUNCIL AT ANY TIME. FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS:

A. WHILE WE DEFINITELY FAVOR ITS RETENTION, WE WOULD NOT
BE OPPOSED TO SEEING THE PHRASE "INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND
ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS" DELETED FROM PARAGRAPH 1(A) SHOULD
OTHERS RAISE SUBJECT AND SHOULD THIS PROVE ESSENTIAL TO
OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE. PHRASE OBVIOUSLY IS NOT NECESSARY TO
ENABLE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLI-
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CATIONS OF VARIOUS ENERGY OPTIONS SINCE IT IS SUBSUMED BY

"ALL RELEVANT FACTORS." MISSION, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN PROPOSING DELETION.

B. WE BELIEVE THE PHRASE "AND CONFRONTING" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1(B) IS A PROVOCATIVE FORMULATION, SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WE BELIEVE THE PHRASE "AND CONSULTING ON ACTIONS TAKEN" SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE THAT HAS BEEN ASCRIBED TO THE OECD CONSULTATIVE PROCESS.

2. WE WOULD STRONGLY FAVOR SEEING THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH (D) ADDED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE OECD GUIDING PRINCIPLES: "ENCOURAGING WHEREVER APPROPRIATE, THE HARMONIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES SO AS TO CONSERVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND FACILITATE TRADE."

3. IN APPROVING MANDATE, DEPT WOULD HOPE U.S. DEL WOULD NOTE THAT USG HAS FOUND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO BE A USEFUL FORUM AND THAT WE ARE CONFIDENT COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO DO MUCH CONSTRUCTIVE WORK IN THE FUTURE. USG ASCRIBES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO HAVING COMMITTEE WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER ORGANS OF THE OECD WHEN THE SUBJECT MATTER AFFECTS THE INTERESTS OR PROGRAMS OF THESE OTHER GROUPS. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD HOPE THE OTHER RELEVANT ORGANS IN THE SECRETARIAT WOULD VIEW THE COMMITTEE AS A USEFUL ANALYTIC AND TECHNICAL RESOURCE TO BE DRAWN UPON IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OPERATIONS. INGERSOLL

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